

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-57, without prejudice, and add the following new Claims 58-86:

⁵⁸ 58. (New) A retroviral vector comprising a first region encoding a fusion polypeptide capable of generating a cyclic peptide, the fusion polypeptide comprising a C-terminal intein motif, a peptide and an N-terminal intein motif.

⁵⁹ 59. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 58 in which the encoded fusion polypeptide has altered splicing activity as compared to a wild-type intein.

⁶⁰ 60. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 58 in which the peptide is a random peptide.

⁶¹ 61. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 58 in which the peptide is derived from a cDNA library.

⁶² 62. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 58 which further comprises a second region encoding a reporter protein.

⁶³ 63. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 62 in which the reporter protein is a fluorescent protein.

⁶⁴ 64. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 63 in which the fluorescent protein is selected from the group consisting of a green fluorescent protein, a blue fluorescent protein, a yellow fluorescent protein and a red fluorescent protein.

⁶⁵ 65. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 62 in which the reporter protein is a transcription factor.

⁶⁶ 66. (New) The retroviral vector of Claim 58 which further comprises a second region encoding a fusion partner.

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~~67~~. (New) A library of retroviral vectors of Claim 11, wherein each vector of the library encodes a different fusion polypeptide.

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~~68~~. (New) The library of Claim 67 in which the peptide of each different fusion polypeptide is different.

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~~69~~. (New) The library of Claim 68 in which each peptide is a random peptide that is at least 3 amino acids in length.

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~~70~~. (New) The library of Claim 68 or 69 in which the C-terminal and N-terminal intein motifs of each of the different fusion polypeptides are the same.

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~~71~~. (New) The library of Claim 67 in which the C-terminal intein motif and/or N-terminal intein motif of each different fusion polypeptide is different.

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~~72~~. (New) The library of Claim 67 in which the amino acid sequence of the C-terminal intein motif of each different fusion polypeptide includes a mutation as compared to the amino acid sequence of a wild-type C-terminal intein motif.

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~~73~~. (New) The library of Claim 67 in which the amino acid sequence of the N-terminal intein motif of each different fusion polypeptide includes a mutation as compared to the amino acid sequence of a wild-type N-terminal intein motif.

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~~74~~. (New) The library of any one of Claims 71-73 in which each vector further comprises a second region encoding a reporter protein.

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~~75~~. (New) The library of Claim 74 in which the reporter protein is a fluorescent protein.

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~~76~~. (New) The library of Claim 75 in which the fluorescent protein is selected from the group consisting of a green fluorescent protein, a blue fluorescent protein, a yellow fluorescent protein and a red fluorescent protein.

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~~77~~. (New) The library of any one of Claims 71-73 in which the peptide of each different fusion polypeptide is the same.

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78. (New) The library of Claim 77 in which each vector further comprises a second region encoding a reporter protein.

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79. (New) The library of Claim 78 in which the reporter protein is a fluorescent protein. NG

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80. (New) The library of Claim 79 in which the fluorescent protein is selected from the group consisting of a green fluorescent protein, a blue fluorescent protein, a yellow fluorescent protein and a red fluorescent protein.

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81. (New) A cell comprising the retroviral vector of Claim 11, or progeny thereof.

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82. (New) The cell of Claim 81 which is a eukaryotic cell.

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83. (New) The cell of Claim 81 which is a mammalian cell. NG

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84. (New) The cell of Claim 83 which is selected from the group consisting of a tumor cell, a liver cell, a hepatocyte, a mast cell and a lymphocyte cell.

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85. (New) The cell of Claim 83 which is a human cell.

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86. (New) The cell of Claim 85 which is selected from the group consisting of a tumor cell, a liver cell, a hepatocyte, a mast cell and a lymphocyte cells.